RBI permission to International organisers to hold conferences

3634. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has given permission to several international organisers to hold conferences in India on commercial basis and to exchange views on various subjects/topics;

(b) if so, what are the names of the International Organisations which have held conferences in India during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government have earned valuable foreign exchange from these conferences and if so, what steps are being contemplated to encourage the holding of such conferences in future also; and what is the policy of the RBI on holding of such conferences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

श्री बद्री प्रसाद तिवारी को स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन

3635. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या श्री बद्री प्रसाद तिवारी, निवासी 69 पान दीवा, इलाहाबाद ने स्वतंत्रता सेनानी की पशन के लिए आवेदन किया है और यह कि एक संसद सदस्य ने भी इस संबंध में 7 फरवरी, 1988 को एक पत्र लिखा था; और

(ख) उक्त व्यक्ति को अभी तक पैंशन न दिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव): (क) और (ख) श्री बद्री प्रसाद तिवारी से इस मंत्रालय में कोई भी आवेदन निर्धारित फार्म में प्राप्त हुआ प्रतीत नहीं होता है। तथापि, इस बारे में संसद सदस्य से तारीख 7.2.1988 का एक पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है। श्री तिवारी को सलाह दी गई है कि वे अपनी यातनाओं के संबंध में दस्तावेजो प्रमाणपत्र सहित निर्धारित फार्म में आवेदन करें। राज्य सरकार से भी अनुरोध किया गया हैं कि वे इस मामले में अपनी सिफारिश के साथ हमें लिखें।

World bank loan for Nathpa Jhakri Hydero-electric Project

3636. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a loan agreement has been signed with the World Bank to provide assistance for setting up the Nathapa Jhakri Hydero-electric Project, if so, what are the details of the agreement; and

(b) whether the Union Cabinet has cleared the project; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Board of Directors of International Bank for Reconstruction and Development has approved, a loan of $ 485 million for setting up of the proposed Nathpa Jhakri Hydro-electric Project and Transmission anl Distribution works in Himachal Pradesh. The formal Agreements are yet to be signed.

(b) Yes, Sir. The project enviages construction of a 6x250 MW run of the river hydro station over Satluj river in Himachal Pradesh and associated works.